Chapter 17

CAN YOU SPEAK JAPANESE?

OH, SHE'S REALLY CUTE, ISN'T SHE?

A LITTLE BIT.

SQUEAL

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OH-MY-GOSH! IT'S JAPAN-ESE!

YEAH, SHE CAN LET IT GROW AS LONG AS SHE WANTS WITHOUT HAVING TO FRE-QUENTLY DYE IT.

I'M SO JEAL-OUS OF HER NATU-RAL BLOND HAIR!

IT MUST BE REALLY NICE HAVING BEEN BORN WITH BLOND HAIR, RIGHT?

ELISHA, THE ALABAMA GIRL!

ELISHA SUMMERSETT IS AN EXCHANGE STUDENT FROM THE USA!

All Japanese girls wish for it.

KIN-PA means blonde hair.

FLUENT

Ah—!

Shoooock!

KIN-PA?

THAT SOUNDS KINDA COOL!

ENOUGH TO HAVE AN EVERYDAY CONVER-SATION, I SUPPOSE.

Wooow!

HOLY SHIT, AYANO!

YOU SPEAK ENGLISH?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

AHA HAHA!

KURO-PPA!

AYANO THE KURO-PPA!

WITH HAIR BLACK AS COAL!

WHY YOU-!

IF I'M KINPA THEN...

...AYANO MUST BE...

..."KUROPPA," RIGHT?*

*TL NOTE: 'KUROPPA' IS ELISHA'S NEWLY INVENTED SLANG FOR 'KUROHATSU' OR 'KUROGAMI' WHICH MEANS 'BLACK HAIR.'

I LIKE BLACK HAIR, Y'KNOW.

BI-BEEP

I'VE ALSO WORN A WIG LIKE THAT.

WHAT? HEY!

BY THE WAY, THIS IS HAIR ROOT COVER UP! MIYOSHI BLEACHED HER HAIR BY HERSELF WITHOUT KNOWING HOW AND RUINED IT!

OH, WOW!

HEY, YOUR BREASTS ARE HUGE!

THIS IS FROM HALLOWEEN.

I HAVEN'T TOLD THE SCHOOL YET, SO...

...KEEP IT A SECRET, 'KAY?

Bleh

OUCH! THAT LOOKS SO PAINFUL!

OH! DID YOU HAVE YOUR TONGUE PIERCED, ELISHA?

NAH. A WITCH.

WERE YOU, LIKE, A STONE-AGE WOMAN?

BUT, YEAH, WOW. IT'S REALLY CUTE!

BOOM!

YIKES!!

REALLY?

CAN I REALLY TOUCH IT?

TRY TOUCHING IT.

I DON'T MIND.

OH!

DOESN'T IT HURT?

I HAVE ONE HERE, AS WELL.

Flash

OH MAN, YOU SCARED ME!

HAHAHAHAHA!

Oh you!

YOU'RE SO FUNNY, ELISHA!

I CAN SYMPATHIZE WITH HER ABOUT HER BELLY FAT

SO COOL!

SOMEHOW IT SUITS HER, HUH?

SHE WON'T UNDERSTAND YOU IF YOU BEAT AROUND THE BUSH LIKE THAT!

FROM YOUR POINT OF VIEW, WHAT DO YOU THINK JAPANESE GIRLS' BREASTS LACK?

HEY, ELISHA, YOU'VE GOT REALLY BIG BOOBS, RIGHT?

One-two?

Looks like you got two boobs too.

AHAHA! SEE?

UHM, YOU SEE...

DO YOUR BREASTS LACK ANYTHING?

ONE, TWO!

BOING, BOING!

I WANT TO BE LIKE THAT!

ELISHA, YOU'RE LIKE THIS RIGHT?

HUH? WHAT, WHAT?

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

AHA HAHA HAHA!

SQUEEEAL!

THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE HEARD A SERIOUS JOKE LIKE THAT!

OH WOW! AN AMERICAN JOKE!

SHE SAID THAT IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GOT TWO BOOBS TOO.

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NO WAY!

C'MON! SAY SOME-THING MORE!

THAT GIRL OVER THERE...

OH!

YOU MEAN HONOKA -CHAN?

SHE'S GOT THIS AIR ABOUT HER THAT MAKES HER SEEM HARD TO APPROACH, BUT SHE WON'T BITE YOU.

...

DON'T WORRY. SHE'S NOT DANGEROUS OR ANYTHING.

PISSED OFF

MAY YOU ALL BE PURGED TO TEN THOUSAND LIGHT YEARS AWAY!

SHUT UP, YOU AVERAGE LOWLIFES! DON'T GLARE AT ME!

She's cool...

IT'S TRUE THAT WE HAVE GIRLS LIKE HONOKA-CHAN IN JAPAN, BUT IT'S STILL A GOOD COUNTRY WITH FOUR BEAUTIFUL SEASONS.

IT'S ALL RIGHT, ELISHA!

...

SHE SAID HONOKA-CHAN IS COOL...

DOES SHE HATE HER?

WHAAAAAAAAAAAAAT?

WHAT THE HELL?

I TOLD YOU NOT TO GLARE AT ME!

REALLY?

I DON'T GET IT...

WHY? WHAT'S GOING ON?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT APPARENTLY ELISHA SAID SHE'S INCREDIBLY COOL.

HONOKA?

YOU CALL HER HONOKA?

SHIVER SHIVER

STAY AWAY!

STAY AWAY!

I WANT TO GET AWAY!

MY PHONE IS ON SILENT MODE SO IT'S JUST VIBRATING!

RATTLE

OH, I'M GETTING A CALL!

HEY! HONOKA!

STARTLE!

I'LL MOVE TO A PLACE WHERE I CAN GET A BETTER SIGNAL!

HELLO! YES, JUST HOLD ON A MOMENT PLEASE!

IT'S PROBABLY A CELL PHONE ONLY HONOKA-CHAN IS ABLE TO SEE...

Y'KNOW, HONOKA DIDN'T HAVE A CELL PHONE IN HER HAND JUST NOW... THAT'S KINDA SCARY...

We asked Elisha:
Please tell us what you like about Japan.

Elisha: Umm, what I like about Japan is...

Elisha: They have manga.

Elisha: They have anime.

Elisha: And they have Honoka.

Elisha: Not to mention they have Honoka.

Elisha: Oh... And one more thing, they have Honoka!

Honoka: Don't joke around like that!

Elisha: You're such a nice girl, Honoka. You make everybody happy.

Honoka: Shut up!

Elisha: By the way, what does 'Honoka' mean in Hebrew?

Honoka: What? Huh? Don't expect me to have an answer to something like that! Hmm, well, could it be 'the one who plows'?

Elisha: I don't think that's quite correct.

Honoka: Now look here, Otaku will be traumatized if you respond to them like that!

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